



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

## New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The cities and small towns of New Hampshire (population 1,314,895) grew around textile mills and other manufacturing industries. With the decline of these industries in the latter part of the 20th Century, New Hampshire lost jobs and tax revenues, and was left with a legacy of abandoned and contaminated mill and industrial properties. The poverty



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to inventory and prioritize brownfields, perform up to 10 Phase I and 10 Phase II environmental site assessments, and conduct community outreach activities.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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rates in the state's most rural counties range from 7.9 to 10 percent. Each of the urban clusters has a poverty rate in excess of the state average, ranging from 7.2 to 26 percent. The NHDES estimates that the state contains nearly 1,500 sites with petroleum contamination. Assessment of brownfields is expected to stimulate redevelopment efforts.